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TRADE RELATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several countries including European Union have shown keen interest in expanding trade relations with India;

(b) if so, the names of such countries;

(c) whether any strategic partnership treaty covering economy and trade has been signed with these countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(e) the details of proposals received from each country alongwith the areas;

(f) the extent to which the treaty is likely to promote Indian interest in bilateral and multilateral trade and financial issues; and

(g) the further steps being taken by the Government to expand the trade relations with various countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a)&(b) Several countries of Europe including European Union, Sub-Saharan Africa, North-East Asia, East Asia, South Asia, West Asia & North Africa, North America and Latin America have shown interest in expanding trade relations with India.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

(g) Expansion of trade relations between India and these countries is a continuing process and steps taken by Government in this direction include periodical meetings of Joint Commission/Joint Committee, conclusion of agreements for infrastructural improvements, exchange of economic and commercial information, facilitating contacts at business level, exchange of delegations, participation in trade fairs/buyer-seller meets/seminars etc.